

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 235

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to commend Gene Sipes for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as President of the Hardeman County Arts Council.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gene Sipes is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as President of the Hardeman County Arts Council, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, President Sipes has enriched the lives of countless people through his assiduous efforts to build a new Arts Center, a long process during which he single-handedly negotiated for a five-acre building site and led the fundraising drive that made the facility a reality; and

WHEREAS, Gene Sipes has further evinced his admirable leadership abilities through his involvement with the Chamber of Commerce, which he has served both as its President and as a member; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sipes also has contributed his time and numerous talents to such worthy organizations as the Hardeman County Fair, Relay-for-Life, Hee-Haw, and as a volunteer Hardeman County election official; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sipes' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Sipes is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Charlotte, and their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Gene Sipes epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Gene Sipes is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Gene Sipes for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and Hardeman County as President of the Hardeman County Arts Council and salute his unswerving commitment to serving his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.